(c) the total amount spent on these projects till date; and

(d) the details of the results achieved so far in respect of oil exploration?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) From 1.1.2003 to 31.12.2004, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) has acquired 3514 Line Kilometers (LK) of 2 D seismic and 22841 square kilometers of 3D seismic data and drilled 40 exploratory wells in the Arabian Sea (Western Offshore).

In the Bay of Bengal, Eastern Offshore, during the same period, ONGC has acquired 15363 LK of 2D seismic and 8060 square kilometer of 3D seismic data and drilled 18 exploratory wells.

(c) ONGC maintains accounting records on financial year basis. During the last three years, ONGC has spent the following amounts on exploration in the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal:—

(*Rs. in crore*)

Financial Year	Arabian Sea	Bay of Bengal
2002-03	807.13	358.67
2003-04	1468.42	325.95
2004-05 (Till 31.12.2004)	1545.46	254.52

(d) Of the 40 wells drilled in the Arabain sea, seven proved to be oil bearing and four gas bearing. Of the 18 wells drilled in the Bay of Bengal, one proved to be oil bearing and three gas bearing. Exploration through delineation efforts is continuing in these areas.

CNG distribution centres in Rajasthan

†1492. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of CNG distribution centres opened in various States for use of vehicles;

(b) whether there is any CNG distribution centre in any town of Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for not opening the CNG distribution centres in Rajasthan;

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(d) the time limit fixed for opening the CNG distribution centres in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) As on 1.3.2005, Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) has set up 128 CNG stations in Delhi and two CNG stations in Noida; Mahanagar Gas Limited (MGL) has set up 100 CNG stations in Mumbai; and GAIL is operating two CNG stations in Vadodara District, Gujarat. In addition, some CNG stations have also been set up by private companies in Gujarat.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The expansion of CNG infrastructure in other cities is being taken up in a phased manner. GAIL proposed to commence CNG supply in Kota, Rajasthan by the middle of the year 2006.

Setting up of new oil refineries

†1493. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise oil refineries under Public and Private sectors in the country;

(b) whether Government have any action plan to set up more oil refineries in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The details of the refining capacity of Oil Refineries working in the public and private sectors in various States of the country are given in the Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Oil Sector PSUs have proposed to set up four new refineries during the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-07) as per the details given in the Statement-II (*See* below). Their completion is likely to spill over beyond Tenth Five Year Plan.

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